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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/427,775
Title: *System and Method for Plasma Plating*
Our File No. TUEC.IP2005

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Dear Examiner Padgett:

Pursuant to our conversation on Friday, August 31, 2001, we would like to donate the book entitled *Handbook of Deposition Technologies for Films and Coatings*, second edition, edited by Rointan F. Bunshah, (Noyes Publications 1994), which was submitted to the PTO in conjunction with the filing on Friday, August 31, 2001, of a First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement for the above-referenced patent application. As we discussed, I would like to donate this book to Group Art Unit 1762 for your use in examining this application and other patent applications.

The following patent applications have also been filed that are related to the above-reference patent application:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/576,640
Title: *Mobile Plating System and Method*
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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/578,166
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As we discussed, we will mention to any other examiners, such as Rodney McDonald of Group Art Unit 1753, that are assigned any related cases that the above-referenced book is

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available through you. We will also note that this book is available through your office in the information disclosure statements that were filed in these cases. Our client greatly appreciates your help in eliminating the expensive proposition of providing a copy of this expensive and large book for each patent application.

Thanks again for your advice and help on this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert J. Ward', written in a cursive style.

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